

A TRIBUTE TO HANES BRANDS, INCORPORATED

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from North Carolina (Mrs. Foxx) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to rise today and honor Hanes Brands, Incorporated. Well over a century old, Hanes Brands started in 1901 when J. Wesley Hanes founded Shamrock Mills, a manufacturer of men's hosiery. In 1902, Pleasant Hanes founded the P.H. Hanes Knitting Company and began manufacturing two piece men's undergarments. In 1910, Shamrock Mills, the original production site for J. Wesley Hanes products, changed its name to Hanes Hosiery Mill and also began to manufacture women's hosiery.

As their businesses expanded, the two different Hanes companies merged in 1965. Then in 1988, Adams-Mills Sock Company was acquired and later would become the Sarah Lee Sock Company. Hanes went on to manufacture undershirts, briefs, sleepwear and knitted shorts. But this was only the start of an emerging company that would grow to become a leading manufacturer of undergarments to T-shirts, casual and active wear to socks.

It was the humble beginning of J. Wesley Hanes in 1901 that placed Hanes Brands on the path to a major corporation that currently employs 50,000 people. On September 6, 2006, Hanes Brands spun off from its parent company Sarah Lee and emerged as a publicly held and traded company with a net worth of \$4.5 billion.

Hanes Brands sells high volume, high quality apparel, and can credit its success to anticipating what the consumer wants and working to meet those needs in value, fit, comfort and customer service.

It is the largest seller of apparel essentials in the United States. Last year, Hanes Brands manufactured and sold over 400 million T-shirts and nearly half a billion pairs of socks. Hanes Brands is now listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol HBI. A recent survey showed that Hanes brands can be found in eight of ten American households.

Currently Hanes Brands manufactures some of the most commonly known clothing lines, such as Hanes, Champion, Playtex, Bali, L'eggs, Just My Size, Hanes Hosiery, Barely There, Wonderbra and Outer Banks, as well as Duofold Performance Base Layer. Hanes Brands has grown into a full service clothing line and has established itself as a tremendous asset for Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

Hanes Brands is a fantastic company that spurs economic growth and employs many people from the Fifth District of North Carolina. It is also a responsible corporate partner in the community, and I know it will continue to act in the future as an important neighbor in the community.

Hanes Brands' new emergence as a stand-alone company will provide op-

portunities in education, will support further economic development and will continue to build value and leadership within the community. I have no doubt that after 105 years in business, Hanes' commitment to the community will grow even stronger through the years. That is why North Carolina and Winston-Salem are blessed to have such a responsible and growth-oriented corporation headquartered there. The opportunities are limitless.

Not only does Hanes Brands have a long standing tradition of quality manufacturing and customer service, but Hanes Brands also adheres to strict values, which has made it successful and has clearly added to the longevity and popularity of the company. All persons involved with the company are proud of their work and reputation. They strive for the best, and that is what has made them so successful since their inception in 1901.

I believe some of the reasons for Hanes Brands' success are the four core principles it adheres to: Number one, integrity/ethical standards; two, inclusivity/diversity; three, quality/superior performance; and four, reliability/commitment.

It follows these values and understands that in order to succeed and become successful, it must set forth a mission statement, which it has. I believe it is a fantastic vision that sets a course for success and accomplishments.

Hanes Brands' mission statement is: "To profitably grow our leading brands by intimately understanding our customers, out-executing our competition and leveraging our sustainable competitive advantage."

With such forward thinking and dedication to its goals, it is no wonder that Hanes Brands is one of the most recognizable names in clothing and why eight out of ten American households have Hanes Brands products.

I cannot stress enough the importance of this move by Hanes Brands to become a separate company and how its new revitalized presence in Winston-Salem will bring so many wonderful opportunities to the local community.

I am proud to represent Hanes Brands and recognize it is an outstanding company and community leader. As a strong supporter of those people and companies which strive for success, all the while contributing to the community, I commend Hanes Brands for its continued commitment to excellence. I am eager to watch Hanes Brands progress and stand ready to assist in any way I can.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Oregon (Mr. DEFAZIO) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. DEFAZIO addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

TRIBUTE TO CAPTAIN BRIAN CHONTOSH

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. GOHMERT) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. GOHMERT. I must say, Mr. Speaker, I appreciate our colleague from North Carolina briefing us on Hanes. I must say those briefs were uplifting. Cross my heart.

But what I would like to address in the remaining couple of minutes we have here is something that keeps coming up. We keep hearing from people about we want to blame America first. That is not what we should be about. We even heard a former Marine common this floor and accuse current active duty Marines of being cold-blooded killers, without them being charged, without a trial, based on nothing but hearsay.

So it is my deep pleasure, Mr. Speaker, to come and pay tribute to those who have won some of our Nation's highest honors.

On occasion, events occur that become synonymous with the dates on which they occur; December 7, 1941, and September 11, 2001, for example. For Marine Captain Brian Chontosh, March 25, 2003, that is such a day.

That day, while leading his weapons platoon for 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, north of Highway 1 outside of Baghdad, then 29-year-old Lieutenant Chontosh's platoon moved into a coordinated ambush of mortars, rocket propelled grenades and automatic weapons fire. With coalition tanks blocking the road ahead, he realized his platoon was caught in a kill zone.

He had his driver move the vehicle through a breach along his flank where he was immediately taken under fire from entrenched machine gun. Without hesitation, Captain Chontosh ordered the driver to advance directly at the enemy position, enabling his .50 caliber machine gunner to silence the enemy. He then directed his driver into the enemy trench, where he jumped out of his vehicle and began to clear the trench with his rifle and 9 millimeter pistol.

The citation for Chontosh's Navy Cross picks up the narrative: "With complete disregard for his safety, he twice picked up discarded enemy rifles and continued his ferocious attack. When his audacious attack ended, he had cleared over 200 meters of the enemy trench, killing more than 20 enemy soldiers and wounding several others. By his longstanding display of decisive leadership, unlimited courage in the face of enemy fire and utmost devotion to duty, First Lieutenant Chontosh reflected great credit upon himself and upheld the highest tradition of the Marine Corps and the United States Naval Service."

In effect since April 1917 and established by an act of Congress on February 4, 1919, the Navy Cross may be

awarded to any person who, while serving with the Navy or Marine Corps, distinguishes himself or herself in action by extraordinary heroism not justifying an award of the Medal of Honor. The action must take place in one of these circumstances, such as while engaged in an action against the enemy of the United States.

Mr. Speaker, that is one day where we cherish our freedom and remember the men and women who have risked so much to defend it, on July 4th, that is. Let us remember the heroes today and every day.

Mr. Speaker, God bless America.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. STUPAK (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today on account of attending a funeral.

Mr. GREEN of Wisconsin (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for today until 8:30 p.m. on account of attending a funeral.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. PALLONE) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SCHIFF, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. McDERMOTT, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. EMANUEL, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HINCHEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. MARCHANT) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. GOHMERT, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. BLACKBURN, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. FOXX, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SIMPSON, for 5 minutes, today and September 29.

SENATE BILL REFERRED

A bill of the Senate of the following title was taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 2250. An act to award a Congressional Gold Medal to Dr. Norman E. Borlaug; to the Committee on Financial Services.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Mrs. Haas, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled bills of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 683. An act to amend the Trademark Act of 1946 with respect to dilution by blurring or tarnishment.

H.R. 1036. An act to amend title 17, United States Code, to make technical corrections relating to Copyright Royalty Judges, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3127. An act to impose sanctions against individuals responsible for genocide, war crimes, and crimes against humanity, to support measures for the protection of civilians and humanitarian operations, and to support peace efforts in the Darfur region of Sudan, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5574. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize support for graduate medical education programs in children's hospitals.

SENATE ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The SPEAKER announced his signature to enrolled bills of the Senate of the following titles:

S. 56. An act to establish the Rio Grande Natural Area in the State of Colorado, and for other purposes.

S. 213. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land to Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.

S. 2146. An Act to extend relocation expenses test programs for Federal employees.

S. 3850. An act to improve ratings quality for the protection of investors and in the public interest by fostering accountability, transparency, and competition in the credit rating agency industry.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House reports that on September 27, 2006, she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bills.

H.R. 1442. To complete the codification of title 46, United States Code, "Shipping", as positive law.

H.R. 3408. To reauthorize the Livestock Mandatory Reporting Act of 1999 and to amend the swine reporting provisions of that Act.

H.R. 3858. To amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to ensure that State and local emergency preparedness operational plans address the needs of individuals with household pets and service animals following a major disaster or emergency.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. GOHMERT. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at midnight), the House adjourned until today, Friday, September 29, 2006, at 9 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

9674. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, APHIS, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Pine Shoot Beetle; Additions to Quarantined Areas; Wisconsin [Docket No. APHIS-2006-0039] received September 27, 2006,

pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

9675. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Mgmt. Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — Food Additives Permitted for Direct Addition to Food for Human Consumption; Bacteriophage Preparation [Docket No. 2002F-0316 (formerly 02F-0316)] received September 6, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

9676. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Acquisition Planning [DFARS Case 2003-D044] received September 20, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

9677. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Training for Contractor Personnel Interacting with Detainees [DFARS Case 2005-D007] received September 20, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

9678. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Prohibition on Acquisition from Communist Chinese Military Companies [DFARS Case 2006-D007] (RIN: 0750-AF34) received September 20, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

9679. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Limitations on Tiered Evaluation of Offers [DFARS Case 2006-D009] (RIN: 0750-AF36) received September 20, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

9680. A letter from the Deputy Chief of Legislative Affairs, Department of the Navy, transmitting the Department's notification of the decision to conduct a Streamlined Competition for commercial activities study under OMB Circular A-76; to the Committee on Armed Services.

9681. A letter from the Chief Counsel/FEMA, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — List of Communities Eligible for the Sale of Flood Insurance [Docket No. FEMA-7788] received September 21, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

9682. A letter from the Chief Counsel/FEMA, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Suspension of Community Eligibility [Docket No. FEMA-7941] received September 21, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

9683. A letter from the Director, International Cooperation, Department of Defense, transmitting Pursuant to Section 27(f) of the Arms Export Control Act and Section 1(f) of Executive Order 11958, Transmittal No. 20-06 informing of an intent to sign the Fundamental Research Hypersonic Flight Experimentation Project Arrangement between the United States and Australia, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2767(f); to the Committee on International Relations.

9684. A letter from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Copies of international agreements, other than treaties, entered into